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To establish the Adams National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Adams National His-
5 torical Park Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) in 1946, Secretary of the Interior J.A.
9 Krug, by means of the authority granted the Sec-
10 retary of the Interior under section 2 of the Historic

1 Sites Act of August 21, 1935, established the Adams
2 Mansion National Historic Site, located in Quincy,
3 Massachusetts;

4 (2) in 1952, Acting Secretary of the Interior
5 Vernon D. Northrup enlarged the site and renamed
6 it the Adams National Historic Site, using the Sec-
7 retary's authority as provided in the Historic Sites
8 Act;

9 (3) in 1972, Congress, through Public Law 92–
10 272, authorized the Secretary of the Interior to add
11 approximately 3.68 acres at Adams National His-
12 toric Site;

13 (4) in 1978, Congress, through Public Law 95–
14 625, authorized the Secretary of the Interior to ac-
15 cept by conveyance the birthplaces of John Adams
16 and John Quincy Adams, both in Quincy, Massachu-
17 setts, to be managed as part of the Adams National
18 Historic Site;

19 (5) in 1980, Congress, through Public Law 96–
20 435, authorized the Secretary of the Interior to ac-
21 cept the conveyance of the United First Parish
22 Church in Quincy, Massachusetts, the burial place of
23 John Adams, Abigail Adams, and John Quincy
24 Adams and his wife, to be administered as part of
25 the Adams National Historic Site;

1 (6) the actions taken by past Secretaries of the
2 Interior and past Congresses to preserve for the ben-
3 efit, education and inspiration of present and future
4 generations of Americans the home, property, birth-
5 places and burial site of John Adams, John Quincy
6 Adams, and Abigail Adams, have resulted in a
7 multi-site unit of the National Park System with no
8 overarching enabling or authorizing legislation; and

9 (7) that the sites and resources associated with
10 John Adams, 2nd President of the United States,
11 his wife Abigail Adams, and John Quincy Adams,
12 6th President of the United States, require recogni-
13 tion as a national historical park in the National
14 Park System.

15 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to estab-
16 lish the Adams National Historical Park in the City of
17 Quincy, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to pre-
18 serve, maintain and interpret the home, property, birth-
19 places, and burial site of John Adams and his wife Abigail,
20 John Quincy Adams, and subsequent generations of the
21 Adams family associated with the Adams property in
22 Quincy, Massachusetts, for the benefit, education and in-
23 spiration of present and future generations of Americans.

24 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

25 As used in this Act:

1 (1) ADAMS PROPERTY.—The term “Adams
2 property” means the property currently owned by
3 the National Park Service and commonly referred to
4 as the Old House and Stone Library situated at the
5 northwest corner of the intersection of Adams Street
6 and Newport Avenue in Quincy, Massachusetts.

7 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of the Interior.

9 **SEC. 4. ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to preserve for the
11 benefit and inspiration of the people of the United States
12 as a national historical park certain properties in Quincy,
13 Massachusetts, there is established as a unit of the Na-
14 tional Park System the Adams National Historical Park.

15 (b) BOUNDARIES.—(1) The historical park shall be
16 comprised of all property currently owned by the National
17 Park Service as generally depicted on the map entitled
18 “Adams National Historical Park”, numbered
19 and dated , 1997. Such map shall be on file and
20 available for public inspection in the appropriate offices
21 of the National Park Service.

22 (2) To preserve the historical setting of the Adams
23 property, the Secretary is authorized to acquire up to 10
24 additional acres for the development of visitor, administra-
25 tive, museum, curatorial, and maintenance facilities adja-

1 cent to or in the general proximity of the property depicted
2 on the map identified in subsection (b)(1) of this section.
3 Any lands acquired shall be administered by the Secretary
4 as part of the park and the park's boundary shall be modi-
5 fied to include the additional land parcels upon their con-
6 veyance.

7 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The park shall be administered by
9 the Secretary in accordance with this section and the pro-
10 visions of law generally applicable to units of the National
11 Park System, including the Act entitled “An Act to estab-
12 lish a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, ap-
13 proved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1, 2,
14 3, and 4) and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666;
15 16 U.S.C. 461–467), as amended.

16 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—(1) The Secretary
17 may consult and enter into cooperative agreements with
18 interested entities and individuals to provide for the pres-
19 ervation, development, interpretation, and use of the park.

20 (2) Any payment made by the Secretary pursuant to
21 a cooperative agreement under this paragraph shall be
22 subject to an agreement that conversion, use, or disposal
23 of the project so assisted for purposes contrary to the pur-
24 poses of this Act, as determined by the Secretary, shall
25 result in a right of the United States to reimbursement

1 of all funds made available to such a project or the propor-
2 tion of the increased value of the project attributable to
3 such funds as determined at the time of such conversion,
4 use, or disposal, whichever is greater.

5 (c) ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.—For the pur-
6 poses of the park, the Secretary is authorized to acquire
7 real property with appropriated or donated funds, by do-
8 nation, or by exchange, within the boundaries of the park.

9 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There are authorized such sums as may be necessary
11 to carry out the purposes of this Act for annual operations
12 and maintenance of the park and for acquisition of prop-
13 erty and development of facilities necessary to operate and
14 maintain the park as may be outlined in an approved gen-
15 eral management plan for the park.

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